Pune-Satara Super Highway

1308. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status of Pune-Satara Super Highway work;

(b) by when, would it be completed and the cost involved; and

(c) whether Government have made sufficient provisions for completion of this highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The status of four laning work on Pune-Satara section of NH-4 is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Length (Km)	Cost (Rs. cr.)	Target date of completion
1.	Katraj Ghat Realignment project on NH-4 (Km 30.2 of WD to Km 825.5 of NH-4)	10.07	146.25	August, 2004
2.	Katraj Sarole Project on NH-4 (Km 825.5 to Km 797)	28.5	97.9	May, 2004
3.	Sarole-Wather Project on NH-4 (Km 797 to 760 except Km 773 to km 781)	29	118.93	December, 2003
4.	Wathar-Satara Project on NH-4 (Km 760 to Km 725)	35	139	December, 2003

(c) Yes, Sir.

Road Projects in Karnataka

1309. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing projects particularly in Karnataka;

(b) the details of projects which have not been completed resulting in cost escalation, State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to speed up the projects to avoid cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Some of the reasons for delay and cost escalation are as under:

(i) Delay in land acquisition, shifting of utilities and cutting of trees;

(ii) Change in scope of work;

(iii) Non-availability of responsive contractors resulting in delay in award of works;

(iv) Adverse site and geological conditions;

(v) Poor progress by contractors and contractual disputes;

(vi) Letter of Credit (LoC) problems faced by many States.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Union Government to speed up the execution of the Projects:—

(i) The Ministry has introduced Direct Payment System to expedite the payment system for timely completion of projects.

(ii) Ministry insists on Schedule of Rates being updated regularly.

(iii) The progress of projects is being closely monitored.

(iv) The works sanctioned by the Ministry are de-sanctioned if the work is not started within the stipulated time.

(v) As per prevalent guidelines, projects can only be awarded after land acquisition, shifting of utilities, cutting of trees etc. have been completed by the State Government.

Statement

State-wise details of ongoing road projects

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Ongoing Projects	No. of Projects not completed resulting in cost escalation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	33	2
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	04	—
3.	Assam	59	—
4.	Bihar	67	—
5.	Chandigarh	2	—
6.	Chhattisgarh	34	—
7.	Delhi	3	—
8.	Goa	9	2
9.	Gujarat	45	—
10.	Haryana	26	—
11.	Himachal Pradesh	44	1
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	8	—
13.	Jharkhand	22	—
14.	Karnataka	54	—
15.	Kerala	49	1
16.	Madhya Pradesh	91	—
17.	Maharashtra	57	1
18.	Manipur	30	—
19.	Meghalaya	44	1
20.	Mizoram	29	—
21.	Nagaland	10	—
22.	Orissa	65	3
23.	Pondicherry	3	—
24.	Punjab	29	3
25.	Rajasthan	37	—
26.	Sikkim	NIL	—
27.	Tamil Nadu	69	—
28.	Tripura	NIL	—
29.	Uttar Pradesh	51	2
30.	Uttaranchal	11	—
31.	West Bengal	30	1
32.	National Highways Authority of India	123	—
33.	Border Road Organisation	151	—